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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Corrado FOGHER) Re: Preliminary Amendment
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herewith)
International Application No:)
PCT/IT99/00226)
International Filing Date:) Our Ref.: B-4075PCT 618484-4
19 July 1999)
For: "A SYNTHETIC POLYNUCLEOTIDE)
CODING FOR HUMAN LACTOFERRIN,
VECTORS, CELLS AND TRANSGENIC
PLANTS CONTAINING IT") Date: January 16, 2001

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
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Attn: United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US)

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, it is respectfully requested that the following amendments be made to the Claims as amended during IPE:

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (amended) A polynucleotide coding for human lactoferrin, [characterized in that it has] having a sequence totally or partially corresponding to the sequence reported in the annexed sequence listing as SEQ ID NO:1, said sequence being optimized for the in plant expression.

2. (unchanged) The polynucleotide according to claim 1, wherein said polynucleotide has fused at the 5'-terminus the leader sequence of 7s basic globulin gene or the leader sequence of β -conglycinine gene.

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